Application No. 10/641,721

Art Unit: 3733

Docket No. DEP0798NP

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings (sheets 1/6, 2/6 and 4/6) include changes to FIGS. 1, 6 and

12. These sheets replace the original sheets including FIGS 1, 6 and 12. The changes to the

drawings are described in more detail in the Remarks/Arguments section of this Amendment.

Attachments: Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

Replacement Sheets

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By this amendment, claims 7, 12 and 18 have been amended and claims 1-6, 11 and 14 have

been canceled. Claims 7-10, 12-13 and 15-18 remain in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

The form 1449 of the Information Disclosure Statement filed in February, 2005 incorrectly

stated that it was page 1 of 2. No second sheet was intended to be filed.

Drawings

In response to the objection to the drawings, corrected drawing sheets are submitted

herewith as Replacement Sheets (Sheets 1/6, 2/6 4/6) along with Annotated Sheets illustrating the

changes to the drawings. The changes to the drawings may be summarized as follows:

Reference number 28 has been added to FIGS. 1 and 6 (sheets 1/6 and 2/6); and

Line 14-14 has been added to FIG. 12 (sheet 4/6).

Specification

The paragraph beginning at page 3, line 15 (Par. [0011] of the published application) has

been rewritten to amend the reference to "FIG. 3" to read --FIG. 5—at page 4, line 3as required in

the Office Action.

The paragraph beginning at page 13, line 10 (Par. [0051] of the published application)

has been rewritten to change the word "would" to --is-- in line 13 as required in the Office

Action.

Claim Objections

Claim 18 has been amended as required in the Office Action.

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Claim Rejections

The Examiner indicated that claims 11 and 14 contained allowable subject matter.

Independent claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 11 and independent claim

12 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 14. Claim 1-6, 11 and 14 have been

canceled. Accordingly, all of the remaining claims are accordingly in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

It is believed that claims 7-10, 12-13 and 15-18 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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<u>Appendix</u>

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FIG. 1 PRIOR ART

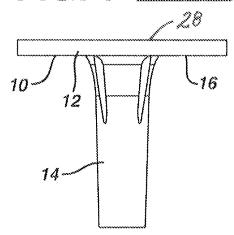


FIG. 2 PRIOR ART

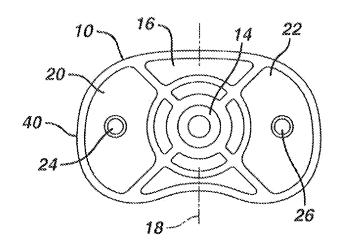


FIG. 3 PRIOR ART

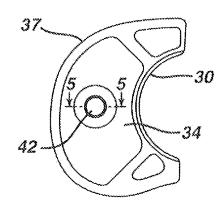


FIG. 4 PRIOR ART

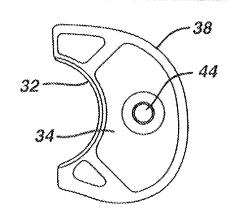
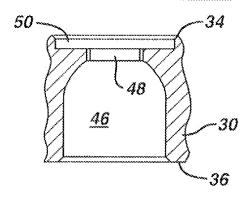


FIG. 5 PRIOR ART



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FIG. 6 PRIOR ART

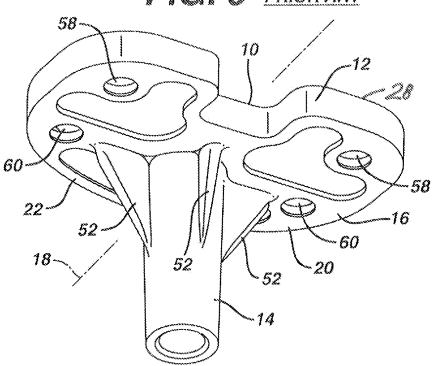
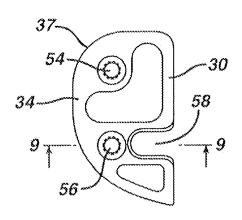


FIG. 7 PRIOR ART

FIG. 8 PRIOR ART



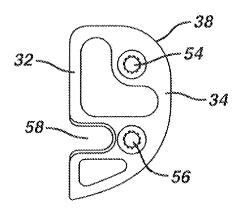
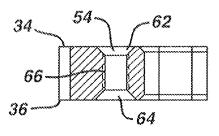


FIG. 9 PRIOR ART



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FIG. 12

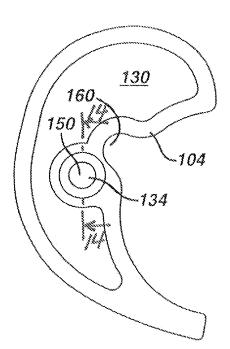


FIG. 13

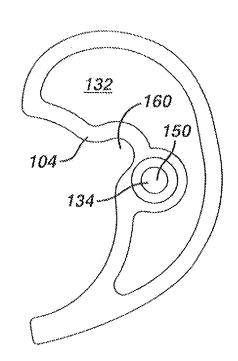


FIG. 14

